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IMPACT OF USER CHARGES ON PATIENTS PROFILE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study on the aspects viz., patients' profile, economic criteria etc., on the patients coming to the OPDs at AIIMS after the introduction of user charges; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) There is no specific proposal to study patients profile, economic criteria etc. on patients coming to OPDs. However, the Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. G.K. Rath, Professor of Radiotherapy, AIIMS to look into various aspects of levy of User Charges. In the meantime it has also been decided to withdraw the upward revision in the user charges.